

WHEREAS, Parkinson's is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States, second only to Alzheimer's;

WHEREAS, even though there is inadequate comprehensive data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, as of 2010, it is estimated that the disease affects over 1,000,000 people in the United States;

WHEREAS, although research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown;

WHEREAS, there is no objective test for Parkinson's disease and the rate of misdiagnosis can be high;

WHEREAS, symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and include tremor, slowness, difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, speaking, rigidity, cognitive problems, dementia, mood disorders, such as depression and anxiety, digestive issues, skin problems, and sleep disruptions;

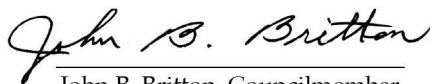
WHEREAS, there is no cure, therapy, or drug to slow or halt the progression of Parkinson's disease;

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and, ultimately, an effective treatment or cure for Parkinson's disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Rockville do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010 as Parkinson's Awareness Month and call upon and call upon the people of Rockville to join their fellow citizens in the community and across the region to recognize and participate in this special observance.



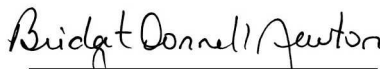
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